

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

David: The Life of a King

Week 2: Loving the Overlooked
2 Samuel 4:4 & 2 Samuel 9:1-13

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We've all felt overlooked before, or perhaps we've even been the one to overlook others. Let's learn from King David's example this weekend on how we can demonstrate God's extraordinary love to others.

Kicking It Off: Jeff shared a story of receiving an ice-cold drink after working on a hot sunny day. What's one of the coolest random acts of kindness that you've ever received?

Discussion:

1. Setting the stage ... what were some of the key facts in our story, beginning with 2 Samuel 4:4?

"(Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became disabled. His name was Mephibosheth.)"
(NIV)

2. Maybe you've never been a crown prince or had a national leader chasing you down. But you've probably had a person or two who was out to get you. Who are some modern-day "bullies" we might encounter?
3. In your own words, what is the definition of *hesed*?
4. Just like David showed *hesed* to Mephibosheth, God wants us to show His kindness to the world, which is sometimes easier said than done. What keeps you from doing good to others at times?
5. Read Luke 6:35. How did God flip the script on relationships by encouraging believers to love in such a way that others wouldn't?

"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil." (ESV)

6. What are some practical ways your group can be an agent of kindness to those who are overlooked? How might that impact your world in a positive way, if all Christians lived like that?

Wrapping It Up:

Praying for and caring for our enemies is not a natural response to them mistreating us. But we need to remember that we, too, were once enemies of God — and now, we are His children. Pray for each member of your group to go above and beyond to beautifully love others.